Central Law, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy and (c) legal and Constitutional validity. Whenever necessary, the State Governments are advised to modify^mend provisions of such Bills keeping the above in view. With a view to expeditiously arriving at a decision, discussions are also held with the concerned State Governments and Ministries-Departments of Government of India.

**Cases of Car Thefts**

2494. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "80 per cent stolen cars never traced" as reported in the Times of India dated 19th November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether a large number of stolen cars are never traced either by the State/Union Government's various agencies;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government in consultation with State Governments propose to formulate any plan to check the use of stolen vehicles in other States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 3719 cars stolen from Delhi during the current year (upto 30th November, 2001), 1037 cars were recovered by Delhi Police. The recovery percentage for the whole country during the current year (as on date) as per the data base maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau is 25.71%.

(c) and (d) With a view to check the sale and purchase of stolen vehicles, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has since 5th January, 2001 set up a Motor Vehicles Verification Counter at its headquarters in New Delhi which provides information to the general public on (a) whether a stolen vehicle has been recovered in any part of the country and (b) whether the second-hand vehicle which is proposed to be purchased is a stolen one or was involved in any other

crime. Another such counter was opened by NCRB at Gurgaon on 16th August, 2001. The Government has accorded its approval for setting up of twenty more counters in sixteen States Union Territories.

**Militants plan to hit VIPs with Explosive Laden Toy Planes**

2495. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the news-item captioned "ISI ultras to hit VIPs with toy Planes" published in the Hindustan Times dated the 5th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Pakistan's ISI has directed militants operating in Jammu and Kashmir to use explosive laden 'Toy planes' to hit VIPs;

(b) whether this has been confirmed by the arrested militants and wireless intercepts; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to prevent such attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There were reports that a terrorist organization may use toy planes to strike at targets in India.

(c) Instructions have been issued to the concerned authorities to thwart terrorists plans.

**Delegation to USA to seek cooperation in resolving terrorism**

†2496. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to send a delegation under the leadership of Home Minister to the USA for seeking cooperation in resolving the problems of terrorism;

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any offer has been made by the USA so far for providing active cooperation to eliminate terrorism from India; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.